

Our County's New Jail.

A Detailed Description of the Building.—Brief History of the Jails at Danville and the Two Others at St. Johnsbury.—The Public invited to inspect the New Jail Friday and Saturday.



The last legislature authorized Caledonia county to erect a new jail at St. Johnsbury at a cost not to exceed \$20,000, and this building is now complete and within the appropriation. The legislature provided that it should be built by the assistant judges, Hon. J. F. Kugler, of Burke, and Hon. George T. Eastman, of Walden, and Col. T. C. Fletcher, of St. Johnsbury. On account of ill health the latter resigned, and the building was erected under the supervision of the assistant judges. After a careful examination of penal institutions in this and other states the judges let a contract to the Pauly Jail Building Company of St. Louis, Mo. This company have just completed the new jail in Burlington, and were the builders of the jail at Montpelier and Newport. They claim they have built for Caledonia county the best jail they ever erected for a similar appropriation, and all who have visited the building the past week will bear them out in their claim. In many instances they did more than the contract called for, and stand ready to make any repairs or alterations in the future that may be deemed necessary.

A. S. Meserve had general charge of the construction, using the past three months a force of men varying from 12 to 25. The only wood in the building is in the roof and was furnished by A. L. Bragg, while the C. H. Goss Company built the heating and plumbing contract. The building was erected southeast of the police house, and the jail proper is 40 feet and 4 inches square. As indicated in the picture there is a one-story extension in front 13 feet deep. The building has a granite foundation, is of brick with iron mortar, and covered with a slate roof. The interior is of steel construction throughout. The building is absolutely fireproof and a jail delivery will be almost inconceivable. The design of granite and the interior walls are of buff pressed brick. The main part of the building was \$19,813.

When the building one comes on the jail to the spacious office of the jailor, W. J. Warren, while opposite is a smaller room which can be used for hearings, and the "third degree." Entering the jail in person one comes first to a lock-up, which suggests the block system as a signal tower. By working the revolving levers the tier of five cells can be opened or closed together or singly. Adjacent to this locking device is the visiting booth where one can talk with the prisoner in an adjoining booth, but can hardly see him because the two booths are entirely separated by a double-ven iron grating.

A modern jail really is. On the following week the prisoners who have been kept in the antiquated structure that for 40 years has sheltered the criminals in the county will be transferred to the new building.

HISTORY OF THE OLD JAILS.
When Caledonia county came into existence as a political division there was a rivalry among the towns to secure the county offices and buildings. Peacham and Danville were the strongest in presenting their claims, and Danville secured the prize. Two of her citizens, Mr. Dow and Mr. Hartshorn, offered to give land for a site for the buildings and a common, and therefore they were placed where "Danville Green" village now is. The line separating Dow's and Hartshorn's land passed north and south through the village. The original court house was erected upon the corner of the streets northwest of the common, and was constructed of wood. It contained a large room in which court sat, and two smaller rooms for the accommodation of jury and lawyers. The precise date of erection is unknown; but the county docket of January 7, 1797, the first court term held in the county as then existing, records that they "met at the court-house in Danville, Monday, January 7, 1797, and adjourned to Daniel Smith's" from which we may understand it was then unfit for occupancy. The next record concerning the court-house is in an order of the court, January, 1801, accepting the court-house, "provided it is painted and a stove procured by January term next." Some years before the county seat was changed to St. Johnsbury the building was removed to its present position and raised up, giving the town a hall on the ground floor, with the court room above, and pillars on the front were added. A "gaol" was built and accepted by the court in January, 1799, which also fixed the limits of the gaol-yard wherein persons arrested for debt could remain. Delinquent debtors paid their debts by taking up their residence within the jail limits, which were extended in 1810 to "one mile north, east, south and west from the gaol." This gaol was of logs, hewn square, and notched at the ends so as to interlock with each other, and pinned together. The docket of the January term, 1807, records the drawing of orders for \$3,000, in favor of David Perkins, for building the gaol. This is understood to have included the gaol house in which the keeper was to live.

The second jail was built by subscription and cost about \$2,000. It was built of immense granite stone, some of them 20 feet in length, quarried in Danville, hewn and dovetailed together. The notorious counterfeiter "Bristol Bill" was once confined in this jail and tried here; and it is said the authorities at Boston sent an officer to Danville to warn them of his desperate character, and get him sent to Boston for safe confinement, who, after inspecting the jail, flinched, saying he was safer here than returned. When he came to trial, Bristol Davis was state's attorney, and "Bristol Bill" became so enraged at him that he stabbed him in the throat, and barely missed taking his life.

It was from this building that "Bristol Bill" attempted to make his escape by making a key to the outside lock from his wash basin. This lock and the tin key are now among the interesting relics at the Fairbanks Museum.

The jailor's house to the basement of the jail. As shown in the illustration the windows are all heavily barred and obscured glass is used throughout the building. The windows on the first floor are further protected by an iron screen to prevent anything being thrown in to the prisoners from the outside. The corridors are lighted by electricity controlled by switches in the jailor's office, and peep holes permit the jailor to see at any time all parts of the interior.

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The above jail was built under the supervision of Ira Brainerd of Barnet. It went into disuse when the one at St. Johnsbury was built and when the North Congregational church at St. Johnsbury was erected, the old jail was demolished and the material used in the foundation of the church. It was customary for the committee or grand jury, when called upon to inspect the jail regularly to report it as insufficient, as a measure of relief to the jailor if any prisoner should escape. It was ordered by the court in 1838 that a "picket post" fence should be built around the jail, and, accordingly, a solid fence of plank was built about 10 or 12 feet high each plank sharpened to a point at the top.

The Court House was built in St. Johnsbury in 1856 and the first jail building was probably erected at a later period. The second jail building was erected in 1867 and had for its first occupant Gardiner Brown of Lunenburg. The CALEDONIAN files of the years between 1856 and 1868 contain brief references to several jail deliveries so it is fair to assume that in the early days it was quite easy to escape from durance vile. The old building which has served the county for 40 years will be used for a barn and the big iron doors kept as a souvenir of jail architecture of half a century ago.

NEWBURY.
Miss Sadie Plummer, a former teacher in the town central school, now of Manchester, N. H., is visiting Mrs. Slack.

Mrs. Jane Coughlin went to Lyndonville on business last week.

Mrs. N. E. Hutchins and Mrs. John Hale spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Charles Gage at St. Johnsbury.

Miss Anna Atkinson returned to her school in Brooklyn, N. Y., last week.

Miss Emily Sibley went to Lexington, Mass., to spend a few days, before going to Abbott Academy, where she is to attend school.

Mrs. J. L. George went to Lynn, Mass., last week, where she will make her home with her sister, Mrs. Lewis White.

Karl Richardson goes to Groton Pond this week, where he will succeed Alvah Coughlin as office boy in the Miller-Ayer Lumber Company. We wish him great success.

Abraham Dow of Concord, N. H., is in town for a few days.

School opened Monday with the following list of teachers: Principal, G. W. Hoyt; assistant principal, Miss Lottie Munsel; Miss Mary Darling, 8th and 9th grades; Miss Helen Carr, 6th and 7th grades; Miss Ethel Arthur, 3d, 4th and 5th grades; Miss Helen Beckwith, 1st and 2nd.

Abner Avery lost his horse Sunday by falling into a well.

Henry Orser and son of Northfield visited at John R. Weeks' last week.

WEST WATERFORD.
A Birthday Party.
About 75 friends and neighbors of Carl Daniels met Saturday evening to help him celebrate his 21st birthday, which occurred on Sunday. George Fuller from West Newton Mass., and Miss Bertha Daniels played the piano. Marching, games and a social time was enjoyed. Elbridge Hastings made the presentation speech and Mr. Daniels was the recipient of \$21. He responded gracefully. Mrs. W. A. Lyster made the birthday cake with the name Carl—87-08. Refreshments of cake and coffee were served and at a late hour the company left wishing him many more happy birthdays.

Herbert West's sister from Littleton, who has been visiting them, returned to her home the first of the week.

Mrs. Tibbets from St. Johnsbury visited Mrs. H. J. Patrick last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pease from Concord visited Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Lawrence last week.

SOUTH RYEGATE.
Harrison Wright is taking a commercial course at St. Johnsbury Academy.

Miss Marion Hall spent Monday in St. Johnsbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Thomas of Lansing, Mich., are expected here today, having made the trip east in their automobile.

SOUTH WHEELOCK.
Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Bean visited in Danville last week.

Gas Newland moved his family from Will Mitchell's house to Danville last week.

Weed and Hoffman finished sawing their stock of logs last week.

Miss Nora Buckley returned home from Barton the first of the week.

Mrs. Ora Drew and Mrs. Dan Gilman and son of St. Johnsbury were at W. J. Mooney's last week.

Miss Mary Buckley goes this week to Barton and Wolcott for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Gerry of Wheelock, L. Smith of St. Johnsbury and Miss Gladys Ayer of Stannard were at A. E. Weed's over Sunday.

C. H. Goss and daughters and G. K. Goss of St. Johnsbury spent Sunday at W. W. Bean's.

J. Pillsbury is in Boston visiting his son's family.

Mrs. James Carter of St. Johnsbury is visiting at Justin Heath's.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Sherburne and W. Mitchell are visiting Mrs. Mary Weed in Stannard this week.

E. J. Jeffers lost a number of sheep by dogs Friday night.

Luther Pillsbury of Boston is visiting his sister, Mrs. Justin Heath.

Mrs. William Peak returned last week from Claremont, N. H., where she has been visiting her sister and mother.

Telephones were put in to C. H. Brown's, Warren Smith's and Fred Blake's houses last week, making 16 subscribers on the line now.

W. W. Bean was in Montpelier last week on business.

LYNDON CENTER.
Miss Fay Newell of Centre Sandwich, N. H., is visiting Mrs. June Roys Gage.

NORTH DANVILLE.
Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Varnum of Cambridge, made a trip to Maine in their touring car the past week. They were accompanied by B. G. Varnum of this place. On their return they visited relatives about here, returning to their home Saturday.

Dr. and Mrs. Frank Hall of Newburyport, Mass., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Sanborn and Mr. and Mrs. Merton Hall. They came in their auto.

Miss Mary Varnum of Windsor recently spent a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Varnum.

The Misses Anderson of St. Johnsbury visited their aunt, Mrs. O. H. Stevens, a few days recently.

Rev. and Mrs. B. P. Parker and daughter Hattie attended the yearly meeting of the Free Baptists held at South Strafford the past week and are visiting friends in East Randolph this week.

At Danville.
Rally day will be observed by the Congregational Sunday school on September 27. A special program of music and other interesting exercises will be prepared.

Miss Lucy Preston of Morrisville is visiting Mrs. Agusta Colby.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Cree and daughter Doris of Woodsville visited at S. N. Ingalls' Sunday.

Miss Kate A. Currier returned to New York city, Tuesday, where she will resume her teaching in the Institute for the Deaf.

Mrs. Eugene Page of Pittsfield, Mass., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Harold Ayer.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sturdevant and daughter Ada, who have been spending the summer with relatives in town, started Saturday for California, and will visit friends in New York and Wilkes-Barre enroute.

Mr. Eddy of Providence, R. I., is visiting at Stephen Waterman's.

A. A. Fisher of Washington, D. C., is spending some time with his family here.

Mrs. Ida Babbitt, who has been visiting friends in town, returned Saturday to her home in St. Albans.

Mr. and Mrs. Anson Hoyt, Maurice and Willie Hoyt, and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Dow, attended the Preston-Wright wedding at Passumpsic, Wednesday.

The social given for the members of the home department of the Congregational Sunday school, Friday afternoon, at the church parlor was very enjoyable.

Miss Harriet S. Whittier and Miss Ada Sturdevant sang several Scotch songs, and Mrs. W. B. Hodgdon recited. Mrs. J. F. Schneider gave a short outline of the work of the organization, after which refreshments of ice cream and wafers were served.

The children of the Methodist Sunday school were given a picnic Saturday by the teachers of the Sunday school. It was held at Wesley Morse's and was greatly enjoyed by the children.

Mrs. Alma Davis and niece, Bertha and Ellen Lome, of St. Johnsbury, are visiting at R. C. Davis'.

Mrs. Jennie Morse is visiting Mrs. Edson Hill at East Barnet.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Perkins of St. Johnsbury visited relatives in town over Sunday.

There will be a food sale at the Methodist church Saturday afternoon of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Jones of Meredith, N. H., are visiting at Noah Burdick's.

Marshall J. Morrill returned to Brooklyn last week. He was accompanied by Mrs. A. E. Farr, who will visit him for several weeks.

The gasoline are light, which was purchased by subscription a few weeks ago, proves to be very successful and gives a fine light.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hooker of St. Johnsbury visited friends in town over Sunday.

Program for Grange meeting September 22: Piano duet, Miss Bertha West and Miss Mary Crane; "Early Days of California," Miss Bertha West; "The Vermont Picnic," Miss Preston; song, Mrs. Nelson Dow. Topic, "Who would I be if not myself?" E. W. Hunt, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Sargent, George Crane, George Lambert.

A Fatherly Interest.
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Mr. Joseph Saunders was mayor of a certain town in England. He was also a married man with a wife and three children. He was also fifty-five years old and a man of dignity. He was also president of three or four boards, had a character for probity and was looking longingly forward to the time when he should make his appearance in the house of commons. Mr. Saunders had business in London. When that business had been concluded he had business at Dover. He was waiting for his train in the London depot when he was approached by two females. One was a motherly woman of forty and the other a girl of about twenty. The former looked anxious, and the latter was weeping.

Mr. Saunders asked what was the matter.

"It's this way, sir," began the elderly woman in a businesslike way. "I am Mrs. Baxter of the Framingham School for Girls. This is Miss Ladue of Paris. She has been attending my school to secure an English education. She has news that her mother is very ill. Some one should have come for her, but has not. She goes to Dover and takes the boat. If she could go under your charge, sir?"

Of course Mr. Saunders was only too happy, and so forth. On several occasions his mother had been very ill, and he knew how it was. After the train had moved away and after Miss Ladue had wept for a quarter of an hour he got a surprise. The girl lifted her veil and exhibited a laughing face and called him "Uncle Jim."

It was an English face, and her words were English. The honorable stared at her for a long minute and then said:

"You are up to some sort of game and have rung me into it."

"Yes, you are my Uncle Jim until you have seen me safe aboard the boat at Dover. Now, don't be impulsive and declare that you won't and all that. We selected you because of your age and dignity, my dear uncle. You have a fatherly look. You also have an expression of innocence lurking about you. As your niece I shall pass unquestioned."

His honor leaned back in his seat and refused to answer. He was in a sweat. He had been forced into a situation that might end in his downfall, and he realized that it must be handled with care.

"I will get off at Gravesend," he said after awhile.

"I beg your pardon, uncle, but Dover is your destination," she pleasantly replied. "I hope you are not becoming asceticism as you grow old. You are to see me on the boat, you know."

"No; I will not do it!"

"You'll do it like a little lamb, sir, and I shall be very proud of my old uncle. What funny stories can you think of? I know you must have a keen sense of humor. So have I."

"Woman, do you know who I am?" thundered the honorable, springing up.

"My Uncle Jim, of course," she smilingly replied. "I can so arrange it that the papers will say that you kindly escorted me on this trip. Have aunt and my cousins asked about me lately?"

His honor realized his helplessness and leaned back and groaned in despair. He had blundered into a fatherly trap and knew that the girl had all the advantage and would keep it.

"What is the—the crime?" he asked after awhile.

"Why, Uncle Jim! How dare you charge your niece with a crime? I wouldn't have believed it of you!"

"But you are fleeing out of England and fear arrest."

"Oh, but can't one flee without being a criminal? Suppose I am in love with a Frenchman and owing to my father's surveillance I must go to Paris like a fugitive to marry the man of my choice."

"Humph!" grunted the honorable.

The girl removed her hat and laid her hand back and seemed to sleep. At Rochester a couple of men whom he suspected to be officers of the law looked in. At Canterbury two more repeated the performance. Between Canterbury and Ashford the young lady woke up and said:

"Good Uncle Jim, the sober second thought is the best. You will see me and my luggage on the boat and then go where you will."

We Work Too Hard.
Lady Headfort during her American tour said in New York that she approved of international marriages.

"They correct us," she explained. "Our Englishmen work too little, you American men work too much, and the international marriage tends to bring about a happy mean. Your men do work too much, you know," said Lady Headfort. "I have an English friend who attended the funeral of one of your hardest workers, a multi-millionaire. My friend's wife said rather bitterly to him at the funeral: 'How you have missed your opportunities, my love! Place yourself beside Mr. Ritch here. You are both of the same age. You both began life together. Yet you are a poor man, while he died a multimillionaire!'"

"Yes," said the English husband. "There Ritch lies, dead of nervous prostration, without one single penny in his pocket, and here I stand, hale and hearty, with a wallet in my coat containing quite a hundred dollars!"

Talismans in Malta.
There are still to be found in Malta a number of small stones shaped and colored like the eyes, tongues and other parts of serpents.

The superstitious among the Maltese connect these with the tradition that St. Paul when shipwrecked was cast on their island and that it was there that while lighting a bundle of sticks for a fire a viper fastened on the apostle's hand. St. Paul calmly shook the reptile off into the flames, and no harm followed. The natives wear these stones as talismans, in which character they suppose them serviceable in warding off dangers from snake bites and poisons.

They are found in St. Paul's cave imbedded in clay and are set in rings and bracelets and when found to be in the shape of a tongue or liver or heart are hung around the neck. They are also taken internally, dissolved in wine, which method is attended, according to some people, by more immediate results.

Blessings.
She was the daughter of the village physician, a sunny curled darling of six, whose big blue eyes rested on the face of the Sunday school teacher with an attention and intelligence most encouraging.

So when, after a discourse to the children on the beauty of appreciating their blessings, the teacher asked for an explanation of a blessing the doctor's little daughter rose and said:

"If my papa was to have a patient and she was to get well, and she was to pay my papa, and my papa was to give the money to my mamma, and my mamma was to buy me a new dress and take me down to the vacant lot and let me ride the great big fierce lion on the merry-ground, that would be a blessing!"—Woman's Home Companion.

PASSUMPSIC.
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hill and daughter from Green Mountain, Iowa, have been visiting Mr. Hill's aunt, Mrs. Moses A. Stevens, and also his cousin, Mrs. W. H. Barker. Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Clement from North Danville have also been visiting at W. H. Barker's.

AN ALARM OF FIRE.
has a dreadful meaning to the uninsured man. For you that means now. It means that through his forgetfulness or negligence he is face to face with ruin. Too late then to think about FIRE INSURANCE.

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